

General Assembly

## Raised Bill No. 5422

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LCO No. 1784



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by: (ENV)

## AN ACT CONCERNING AWARENESS OF HEARTWORM DISEASE AND THE STANDARD DOG LICENSING FORM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 22-380g of the 2014 supplement to the general
- 2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 3 (Effective from passage):

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- 4 (a) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall (1) establish an animal
  - population control program to provide for spaying and neutering
- 6 services to eligible owners of dogs and cats, (2) establish an account to
- 7 be known as the "animal population control account" that may contain
- 8 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account and any
- 9 balance remaining in said account at the end of any fiscal year shall be
- 10 carried forward in said account for the fiscal year next succeeding, (3)
- 11 create a standard dog licensing form and distribute said form to
- 12 veterinarians or the operators of pet shops, pet grooming facilities,
- 13 municipal pounds or dog training facilities who voluntarily agree to
- 14 make such forms available for the convenience of dog owners, (4)
- 15 establish a program to assist registered nonprofit rescue groups with

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- 16 the sterilization and vaccination of feral cats, and (5) establish a
- 17 program to sterilize and vaccinate dogs and cats owned by a low-
- 18 income person. Such standard dog licensing form shall contain a
- 19 check-off box for the purpose of indicating that such dog receives
- 20 <u>heartworm preventative medication.</u>

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	22-380g

## Statement of Purpose:

To raise awareness concerning heartworm prevention in dogs by requiring the dog licensing form to contain a check-off box for the purpose of indicating that such dog receives heartworm preventative medication.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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